GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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BULLET PROOF JACKETS FOR ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our soldiers were provided with bullet- proof jackets during the Kargil conflict with Pakistan last year;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether our soldiers are equipped with bullet- proof jackets presently;

(d) the category of Defence personnel and the situation in which they are provided with bullet-proof jackets; and

(e) the origin of such jackets?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of the answer at (a).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Bullet Proof Jackets are provided to the Defence personnel who are deployed on the line of controland in Counter-Insurgency Operations.

(e) Bullet Proof Jackets have been procured in the past from the following sources:-

(i) Defence Research and Development Organisation;

(ii) M/s Tata Advanced Materials Limited, Bangalore;

(iii) M/s SGI Mehler, Chennai;

(iv) M/s RBR International Ltd., London, England.